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118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to implement a minimum work requirement for able-bodied adults enrolled in State Medicaid programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LATURNER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Jobs and Opportunities
5 for Medicaid Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. WORK REQUIREMENTS FOR ABLE-BODIED ADULTS.**

7 Section 1902 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
8 1396a) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)—

2 (A) by striking “and” at the end of para-
3 graph (86);

4 (B) by striking the period at the end of
5 paragraph (87) and inserting “; and”; and

6 (C) by inserting after paragraph (87) the
7 following new paragraph:

8 “(88) beginning January 1, 2024, not provide
9 medical assistance with respect to a month to an
10 able-bodied adult (as defined in subsection (uu)(2))
11 that has not met the work requirement described in
12 subsection (uu)(1) for such month.”; and

13 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
14 section:

15 “(uu) WORK REQUIREMENT FOR ABLE-BODIED
16 ADULTS.—

17 “(1) WORK REQUIREMENT DESCRIBED.—For
18 purposes of subsection (a)(88), the work require-
19 ment described in this subsection with respect to an
20 able-bodied adult and a month is that such adult
21 satisfies at least one of the following with respect to
22 such month:

23 “(A) The adult works 20 hours or more
24 per week, based on a monthly average.

1 “(B) The adult volunteers for 20 hours or
2 more per week, based on a monthly average.

3 “(2) ABLE-BODIED ADULT DEFINED.—In this
4 subsection the term ‘able-bodied adult’ means any
5 individual who is not—

6 “(A) under 18 years of age or over 65
7 years of age;

8 “(B) medically certified as physically or
9 mentally unfit for employment;

10 “(C) pregnant;

11 “(D) the primary parent or caretaker of a
12 dependent child under 6 years of age;

13 “(E) the primary parent or caretaker of a
14 dependent child with a serious medical condi-
15 tion or disability, as determined by the State
16 agency established or designated to administer
17 or supervise the administration of the State
18 plan;

19 “(F) receiving unemployment compensa-
20 tion under State or Federal law and, as applica-
21 ble, complying with work requirements under
22 such State or Federal law; or

23 “(G) participating in a drug or alcohol
24 treatment and rehabilitation program (as de-

1 fined in section 3(h) of the Food and Nutrition
2 Act of 2008).”.